House Refuses to Legislate on Extension of Territory This Session.

A SPAT OVER OYSTER BILL DYSPEPSIA.

Mr. Sears Thinks Mr. Keezell Unfair-Normal School Bill Passes.

The legislative sessions yesterday were full of life and interest on both sides of the Capitol. A lively spat over the oyster bill took piace in the Senate between Messrs, Sears and Koczell, and the bill went over and will come up as a special

Mr. Sours was about to begin his argument against the bill breaking the Baylor survey, when Mr. Keezell arose and gave notice of some amendments which he proposed to offer, and which, he said, were then being typewritten. He said he desired to give fair notice, and the sena tor from Mathews retorted that if that was what the senator from Rockingham called fair notice, they were educated in different schools. Mr. Sears resumed his seat and said he would not proceed until he had seen the amendments. The bill went over, and the Senate fixed a

bill went over, and the Senate fixed a rule by which, at the morning hour, no matter outside of the regular order will be taken up without the consent of the Steering Committee.

A bill was passed validating the qualiBoatlons of county officers made before county courts, and the body reconsidered and passed the measure offered by Mr. Anderson, relieving foreign insurance companies of the payment of charter fees, such as are levied upon other foreign corporations by the State.

The body disposed of a great mass of bills from the Revision Committee, after which the chair was vacated until 4 o'clock.

o'clock.

At the afternoon session the bill amending the charter of the city of Richmond, so as to confer additional powers upon the police board, was passed without opposition, and the body refused to bencur in the House amendments to the general ejections bill.

ures, the body adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

There were two features on the House side. One was the passage of the West bill for the establishment of an additional State normal school, and the other the losing fight made by the advocates of the Senate bill, providing for the jurisdiction of Circuit Courts in matters relating to the annexation of property adjacent to clites and towns. Led by Mr. Gardner, of Henrico, the advocates of the plan to allow a popular vote on these questions rejected the Senate bill by a yote of 31 to 33, and thus the matter stands as incretofore, with the House committed to the Gardner, bill and the Senate to that Sessions of the Senate.

Cured a Respected Richmond Clergyman of

PAW-PAW RELIEVES RICHMOND CLERGYMAN, SAYS HIS WIFE.



two or three others of small local interest.

By unanimous consent the Committee on Counties Cities and Towns reported Sensite bill No. 448, amending the charter of the cit in reference to the pilce denartment. The committee presented a renor endorsing a substitute for the original bill. There is some change in the verbrage, but the two bills are practically its single bill in the power it reposes in the Police Board. Under suspension of the rules the hill was called point of its regular ordered the substitute was unanimorally adopted. The bill as amended was then assessed bill No. 454, to amend and respect to the response on the passed.

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House bill No. 454, to amend and remark certain acts relating to the charter of the town of Hammton, was removed from the calendar and passed.

House bill No. 340, with amendments from the Courts of Justice Committee, was passed. It provides for the amendment and re-emertment of sub-sections 1015 b, 1015 g, 1038 f, 1042 a and 1040 of section 18 c of the Code of Virginia, relating to local assessments in cities and towns. Other House bills passed as follows:

Senate bill No. 545, to provide remedy for croneous assessments, was taken up, and passed.

The House was called to order at 10 c'cleck, and prayer was offered by Rev. kobert Strange, of the Episcopal Church, The following bills were offered and re-

Buch a Statement.

MOTION WAS LOST.

Here the matter ended, and the House refused to dismiss the bill by a vote of

Mr. Powers: To amend section 3592

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chapter 2, subsection (h) of section 1, cleaver the annexation of property adjacent to cities and towns. Led by Mr. Gardner, of Henrico, the advocates of the plan to allow a popular vote on these questions rejected the Senate bill by a vote of 33 to 33, and thus the matter stands as icretofore, with the House committed to the Gardner, bill and the Senate to that of Air. A Jimison.

Sessions of the Senate to that of Air. A Jimison of Senate was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock by Lleutenattogovernor Willard, the attendance warrather small.

Upon monitor of Senator Lunton the Committee on Counties, cities and Towns reparted the Senate of the Senate was discharged from further consideration of Senate bill No. 529, a local measure the Mill was then taken up out of its actual and the passed. The measure provides in the charter of the city of Portsmouth Senator Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns reparted the Bland bill amending the charter of the city of Portsmouth Senator Cromwell called by the bill at once under suspension of the rules and it was passed. The measure provides of the Senator Mann. of Nottoway offered and Poeple, instead of by the council, as a present. The vote on this bill showed tarryone senators present.

VALIDATE QUALIFICATIONS.

As soon are fills matter was disposed of Senator Mann. of Nottoway offered and prove of the passage of a bill of very considerable interest in the State. It validates all qualifications of officers read the propose of taking act of the Senator of the city physician, as herefore, not a resident of the Control of the Con

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ARE DIVERSE

Scarcity of Labor Will Make Increase of South's Cotton Crop Difficult.

DETERIORATION

Soil and Seed Good as Ever and Short Crop Due Only to Weather Conditions.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 17 .- The Man facturers' Record, in continuance of its discussion of the cotton crop as presentcd last week, has submitted to the commissioners of agriculture and the presi dents of all the agricultural colleges in the South, to several hundred leading cotton manufacturers, oil mill men. commission merchants, bankers, growers and others, the following inquiry:

percentage assessments, was taken up inseed.
The Committee on Finance and Bank: was discharged from the consideration of Sanate bill No. 546, and an american was offered by Judge Mann and conjugate after which the bill was passed, the first state of the bill was passed, the bill was passed to be supported by the Angelon and the beginning of interest at 6 per cent on delincation taxes at July 1st of the year no t succeding that in which the tax was assessed.
About 6:30 o'clock the Sergit discovered itself without a querium, and a moil in 10 adjourn until this morning at 10 o'clock prevailed.

The House. is there danger of a permanent de

Is there danger of a permanent decrease in cotton production in the South?
If so, is it dus

1. To deterioration of seed by reason of
the best seed being sold to oil mills, or
2. To a decline in the fertility of the
roll by reason of bad cultivation under
the tenantry system of
3 To a lack of farm labor since the
industrial development of the South has
drawn many hands from the country to
the cities, or, are all three of these factors
to be reckoned with?

to be reckoned with? The Manufacturers' Record begins the publication of repiles in this week's issue and expects to continue for several weeks to present the views of the best informed people of the South on these questions, so vital not only to this section, but to the whole werld. whole world.

SCARCITY OF LABOR

The following bills were offered:

By Mr. Powers: To amend section 3222 of the Cade.

By Mr. Lowry: To provide for the nensioning of Confoderate solders, discharged on account of disability.

The bill offered by Mr. West to authorize an additional State normal school at some point north of the James River, consumed much of the James River, consumed to the James River, consumed to the James River, consumed to the James Hilling of the James River, consumer the State had better facilities for the education of coroccase bill. Into former undertook to show the James Hilling of the James River, consumer the State had the James Hilling of the James River, consumer River, consu Dealing with the replies, it says:
"The letters published to-day deal mainity with the conditions which prevail in
the Carolinas and Georgia. Following by with the conditions which prevail in the Carolinas and Georgia. Following these will come next week letters from the far South, in which the conditions may be presented as entirely different from those in the upper South. The letters published show a wide diversity of views, but the predominant note in all of them, with few exceptions, is that scarcity of farm labor will make it difficult for the South to increase its production of cotton. This scarcity is due in part to the tendency of the white tenant farmer to cotton mill employment, most pronounced in the older textile communities, where he and his family securomore profitable work than on the farm, and in part to the trend of more active negro laborers away from agriculture to mining, railrond and kindred work. It is pointed out that this condition, which negro laborers away from agriculture to mining, railrond and kindred work. It is pointed out that this condition, which is becoming more pronounced every year, would make it difficult for the South to pick a larger crop, even if it could be raised. This condition presents an urgent need for immigration to the South to fill in the gap left by the increased employment of whites in the cotton mills and of negroes in mining and in railroad construction, and in the general trend of negroes away from farms to cities.

USE BEST SEED. "With but few exceptions it is claimed careful to use the best seed for planting, though a few writers insist very strongly that there is a deterioration in seed, claiming that the bost seed are sold to the mills, and that the fertilizers used are not equal to the seed for the neintenance of the fertility of the soil, and that thus the consumption of seed by oil mills is a disadvantage in the long t thus the consumption of seed by mills is a disadvantage in the long

Mr. Stearnes charged that the amendment was almed at Newport News and was offered to protect lots owned by Mr. Cumming.

The amendment was lost by an overwhelming vote. A number of other amendments were offered and rejected, and Mr. Gardner offered his bill as a substitute, and it was rejected—ayes, 20; noes, 33.

The Anderson bill was rejected—ayes, 20; noes, 33.

The Anderson bill was rejected upon roll call—ayes, 31; noes, 33—and a motion to reconsider was made and lost, the House recusing to pass it by,

The recorded vote on the bill was; Ayes—Mossa, Angell, C. C. Baker, Charles T. Bland, Boaz, Bowman, Bruce, Caton, Christian, Edmondson, Edwards, Folkes, Gent, Green Harman, Hoffran, Jennlings, Lacy, Leake, H. E. Lee, Lion, Murrell, Quisenberry, Read, Robert, Willace and West—31.

Whoes—Messrs, Allen, Armstrong, W. W. Noes—Messrs, Allen, Armstrong "Comparatively few admit any deteriora

inay next year make 225 pounds of cotton per acre. The average will probably be 30,000,000. This will give us a crop of something like 13,500,000 bales. Manufacturers have taken many people from farms. Those left on farms work better, because of better conditions and rewards. The South is not yet seriously suffering from lack of farm fabor, but

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has reached a point where the labor, for-merly much idle, has been absorbed in profitable employment. It is a good time for quite a lot of thrifty immigrants to come South. The range of cotton pro-duction per acre seems to be about 150 pounds on the low side to 235 pounds on the high side. It seems to be ranging up and down now about as in all time past.

SOUTHERN SURGEONS.

Elect Officers and Choose Birmingham as Next Place.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 17 .- The Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association to-day elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Floyd W. McRae, Atlanta; First Vice-President, George S. Brown, Birmingham, Ala.: Second Vice-President, J. Shelton Horsely, Richmond: Treasurer, Charles M. Dallas, Tex.; Secretary, W. D. Haggard,

Nashville.

Dr. Richard Douglas, of Nashville and J.

Wosley Bovee, of Washington, D. C.; were
named to fill vacancies on the Board of

place of holding the convention next De-cember. Dallas, Tex., had bid for the meeting, but as the statue of W. E. B. nder of the organization, is to

ENGINE IN RIVER.

Volunteer Engineer Killed and Another Badly Injured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSON, W. VA., Dec. 17.—A
Intal accident occurred last Saturday at
Marrowbone tunnel, which is in course
of construction by Carpenter & Boxley
for the Naugatuck branch of the Ohio
extension of the Norfolk and Western
Railway, John Stepp was the engineer
of the dinky engine, and requested Blaine
Spaulding to run his engine while he
took a nap, and that Spaulding readily
consented, but not being familiar with consented, but not being familiar with the machinery, the engine got beyond his control and ran off the end of the dump, with several dump cars, falling fifty feet into Tug River. Young Spaulding was instantly killed and John Chafin severely injured. unsented, but not

SOUTHERN TRACKS MAY REMAIN HERE

Street Committee Transacts a Lot of Routine Business., Money on Hand.

A resolution sent back to the committee from the Council was adopted by the Street Committee last night and recommended for its passage, allowing the Southern Railway to continue the tracks on Virginia and Dock Streets.

The City Attorney naneed in a written opinion that the city could be held responsible for any damages sustained by abutting property owners occasioned by work of improvement on city property. The case in point was that of the street improvements now being made on S.x.th Street, between Broad and Grace.

Mr. J. L. N. Allen asked that the rules be amended so that when quorums are needed, tardy members may have fail an hour in which to reach the committee room before an adjournment is taken for lack of a quorum. The time allowed now is fifteen minutes. The motion was lost on a vote of four to six—ayes, Mann, Minor, Teefey and J. L. M. Allen, noss, Otway S. Allen, Burton, West, Peters, Huber and Williams.

Mr. Minor called the committee's attention to the lact that upon certain days the heat on the street cars is turned off, and suggested that something be done to resulte the ras enger and rower Company to keep their cars heated. The City Engineer was instructed to communicate with the company in reference to the matter. mended for its passage, allowing the

with the company in reference to the matter.

The City Engineer reported that the appropriation under control of the orm-mittee still in hand amounted to \$1.537.61, distributed as follows: Clay Ward, \$2.8.55; Lee. 0; Jackson, 0; Monroe, 0; Mad son, \$1.019.25; Jefferson, \$300; Marshall, 0.

The money remaining in hand for Madison, Ward will be no doubt, exhausted in work on Tenth Street and at the entrance to Capitol Square at Ninth and Capitol Streets.

Other routine business was done, bills were approved, and the committee adjourned.

THE CHANNEL

Survey to be Made of Norfolk Harbor and Channel Leading to it.

DANGER TO BATTLESHIPS

Channel Must be Deepened in Order That Big Vessels May Get to Navy-Yard.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., December 17 .-The Senate to-day passed a resolution introduced by Senator Martin, directing the Secretary of War to cause a proper sur report to Congress a plan, together with estimate of cost, for a channel thirty-five feet deep, and also for a channel thirty feet deep.

The channel at Norfolk from deep water to the navy yard is now only twen-ty-eight feet deep. This depth is not suff-cient for the large battleships of the navy —that is, there is always more or less

danger that one of the vessels of the largest class will hit the mud when on her way to the navy yard.

All of the Atlantic ports are now clamoring to have the depth of water in their harbors increased so as to accommodate the increased size of modern ships. The needs in Norfolk and of the Norfolk Navy Yard in this respect are as important as those of any other Atlantic port.

Looking at the matter from a naval standpoint, the commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard has for some time been taking a deep interest in the matter. Last spring Senator Martin, Admiral Harrington and others were invited by the commercial bodies of the city of Norfolk to make, a personal inspection of their the commercial bodies of the city of Nor-folk to make a personal inspection of the harbor and the channel to it from deep water, with a view to considering what could be done to secure for this harbor the same advantages which were being clamored for by almost all other Atlantic ports. Senator Martin at the time of that visit stated that he would take the mat-ter up when the next Congress convened, and would endeavor to secure in the next river and harbor bill a provision for the widening, straightening and deepening of this channel.

Torpedo Boat Flotilla.

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The second torpede flotilla, consisting of the Truxton. Whipple, Worden, Lawrence and Stewart, left Hampton Hoads to-day under convoy of the battleship Texas for Charleston, S. C., on their way to Key West, Fla., which will be their base of operations for the next few weeks.

W. H. Ryland and H. Jater Haydon, editors of the Southside Sentinel. Urbanana, Ya., were in the etty yesterday, having come up to hear the debate on the Jordan bill.

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